

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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January 26, 2010

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Kristina D. Frost, Clerk  
Supreme Court of Ohio  
65 South Front Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Kenneth Levon Lawson

Dear Ms. Frost:

Enclosed please find copies of the Claim Determination Entry for awards made by the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio in the following claims:

<u>CSF CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
08-0087	Fortunato Cerecer	\$7,800.58
08-0087	Rigoberto Lucero	\$15,242.50
08-0075	Arturo S. Lucero and Hector Lucero	\$27,157.57
08-0112	Veronica B. Njodinizeh	\$50,500.00

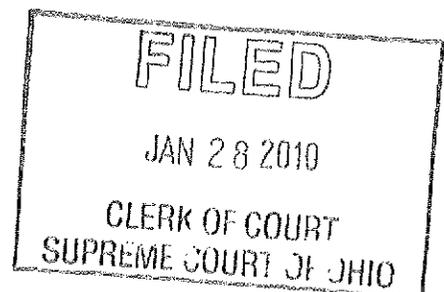
These awards arose from the dishonest conduct of Kenneth Levon Lawson. We ask that the information concerning the awards made by the Clients' Security Fund be placed in the attorney's file.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Janet Green Marbley, Administrator  
Clients' Security Fund

JGM/pdl  
Enclosures: as stated



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CLAIM DETERMINATION ENTRY

In Re Application of Fortunato Cerecer and Rigoberto Lucero vs. Kenneth Levon Lawson  
Claim Number 08-0087

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund this **4th day of December, 2009** on the application of Fortunato Cerecer and Rigoberto Lucero alleging a loss in the amount of \$50,201, caused by dishonest conduct of an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Ohio

The Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio find that:

- a) An attorney client relationship did exist between the claimants and Kenneth Levon Lawson.
- b) Fortunato Cerecer suffered a loss of \$7,800.58, and Rigoberto Lucero suffered a loss of \$15,242.50 on or about March, 2008.

The Commissioners further find that the dishonest conduct consisted of theft by fiduciary, and that the following disciplinary proceedings were taken:

Felony Suspension on 7/31/2009

The Commissioners further find that the claimants took affirmative action against the attorney within one year of becoming aware of the loss; and that there is no insurance or bond which will benefit the claimants; and that said claimants are not a spouse, close relative, partner, insurer or bonding company, nor a governmental unit.

Therefore the Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund do hereby determine that the claim of Fortunato Cerecer is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$7,800.58 and Rigoberto Lucero is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$15,242.50.

Payment of said amount is conditioned upon claimants complying with the subrogation assignment and other requirements of Sec. 6 of GOV. Rule VIII of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Date

12/14/09  
Dec. 10, 2009

Date

Chair

Secretary

*Janet Green Marbley*  
*Janet Green Marbley*

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## PAYMENT OF AWARD

January 4, 2010 Rigoberto Lucero  
December 21, 2009 Fortunato Cercer

Amount of Award      \$7,800.58 Fortunato Cercer  
                                 \$15,242.50 Rigoberto Lucero

Check No.      860963 Cercer  
                                 863720 Lucero

Subrogation/ Assignment Executed and Recd.      December 18, 2009

Other Documents Recd. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY FEE:

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Applied for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Approved \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

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CLAIM DETERMINATION ENTRY

In Re Application of Arturo S. Lucero and Hector Lucero vs. Kenneth Levon Lawson  
Claim Number 08-0075

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund this **4th day of December, 2009** on the application of Arturo S. Lucero and Hector Lucero alleging a loss in the amount of \$50,201, caused by dishonest conduct of an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Ohio

The Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio find that:

- a) An attorney client relationship did exist between the claimants and Kenneth Levon Lawson.
- b) The claimants suffered a loss of \$27,157.57 on or about January 28, 2005.

The Commissioners further find that the dishonest conduct consisted of theft by fiduciary, and that the following disciplinary proceedings were taken:

Felony Suspension on 7/31/2009

The Commissioners further find that the claimants took affirmative action against the attorney within one year of becoming aware of the loss; and that there is no insurance or bond which will benefit the claimants; and that said claimants are not a spouse, close relative, partner, insurer or bonding company, nor a governmental unit.

Therefore the Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund do hereby determine that the claim of Arturo S. Lucero and Hector Lucero is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$27,157.57.

Payment of said amount is conditioned upon claimants complying with the subrogation assignment and other requirements of Sec. 6 of GOV. Rule VIII of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Date

12/14/09

Date

Dec, 10, 2009

Chair

Secretary

**THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

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PAYMENT OF AWARD

December 21, 2009

Amount of Award        \$27,157.57

Check No.                860965

Subrogation/ Assignment Executed and Recd.        December 22, 2009

Other Documents Recd. \_\_\_\_\_  
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*APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY FEE:*

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLAIM DETERMINATION ENTRY**

In Re Application of Veronica B. Njodinizeh vs. Kenneth Levon Lawson  
Claim Number 08-0112

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund this **4th day of December, 2009** on the application of Veronica B. Njodinizeh alleging a loss in the amount of \$60,500, caused by dishonest conduct of an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Ohio

The Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio find that:

- a) An attorney client relationship did exist between the claimant and Kenneth Levon Lawson.
- b) The claimant suffered a loss of \$50,500 on or about May 17, 2007.

The Commissioners further find that the dishonest conduct consisted of theft of unearned fees, and that the following disciplinary proceedings were taken:

Felony Suspension on 7/31/2009

The Commissioners further find that the claimant took affirmative action against the attorney within one year of becoming aware of the loss; and that there is no insurance or bond which will benefit the claimant; and that said claimant is not a spouse, close relative, partner, insurer or bonding company, nor a governmental unit.

Therefore the Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund do hereby determine that the claim of Veronica B. Njodinizeh is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$50,500.

Payment of said amount is conditioned upon claimant complying with the subrogation assignment and other requirements of Sec. 6 of GOV. Rule VIII of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Date

*12/14/09*

Date

*Dec. 10, 2009*

*Chair*

*Secretary*

*[Signature]*

*Janet Green Marbley*

**THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

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PAYMENT OF AWARD

January 20, 2010

Amount of Award \$50,500

Check No. 860966

Subrogation/ Assignment Executed and Recd. January 19, 2010

Other Documents Recd. \_\_\_\_\_  
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*APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY FEE:*

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Applied for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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